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Animas River May Experience another Surge of Discolored Water

Durango, CO – Southwest Colorado experienced heavy rainfall on Friday, August 7. Due heavy rain, the public may see another pulse of discolored water in the Upper Cement Creek and Animas River. The EPA and local La Plata County officials will continue to collect samples of the water quality.

City of Durango water users are asked to help by taking small steps to reduce their water usage with these tips:

1. Outside: 60% of the average household's water use is outside. Discontinue outside watering until further notice from the City of Durango.
2. Shorten Your Shower. Turn off the shower to lather up and back on to rinse off.
3. Put a Brick in it. Displace water in older toilets with a brick to reduce the amount it takes to flush.
4. Check your Load. 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Adjust your machine for proper load size.
5. In the Kitchen. Minimize letting the water run during dishwashing by hand -or- make sure you run a full load in the dishwasher.

La Plata County has set up a Call Center for the public at 970-385-8700. As additional information is received, it will be posted to the La Plata County website at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department's Website at www.sjbhd.org, La Plata County Government Facebook and San Juan Basin Health Department Facebook. The EPA has set up a website for the event at www.epaossc.org/GoldKingMine. Links to this site are provided on the County's website and San Juan Basin Health Department's website as well.

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